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FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

ZAPATA AND VILLA UNABLE TO AGREE

Friction Arises Over Proposition Of Executing Officers Formerly In The Federal Army

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Zapata's desire to execute many officers who once were in the federal army and his followers favoring summary extermination of those who served the Huerta and Carral regimes, brought friction in the Zapata-Villa factions. At present General Gutierrez' decree, suspending all executions pending a fair trial, is in effect. The Gutierrez-Villa element believes the officers should have trials and be represented by counsel. The American government is endeavoring to procure a general amnesty. While no promise of recognition follows this the Mexican factions understand that unless a humanitarian course toward their opponents is pursued, recognition by the United States will be withheld.

Washington's remonstrance against the continued executions is believed to be large responsible for Gutierrez' decree. The Brazilian minister at Mexico City reported the situation full of uncertainty but nothing alarming has developed and good order is being preserved.

Must Appoint New Consuls Is Germany's Edict

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The German government formally notified the American state department that American consuls to Belgium must be acceptable to the German military authorities, and that it is desirable that some of the consuls be withdrawn for the present at least.

Bryan declined to make public the text of the German communication or comment on it until he had full opportunity to consider it. The understanding in official circles is that the notice is similar to the one sent Argentine and other neutral countries. The Belgian minister issued a statement saying the Belgian government protested against the step.

AMERICANS THANKED.

PARIS, Dec. 28. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The address presented to ex-Ambassador Herrick by French officers and soldiers treated at the American hospital at Neuilly, expresses their deep gratitude for the care and attentions they have received at the hands of Americans. They declare they can never forget the beautiful example of brotherhood shown by the United States during the war and by Mr. Herrick. They "respectfully beg His Excellency, Mr. Myron T. Herrick, to convey to the American people the expression of all their gratitude, and to tell those beyond the seas that the entire French army understands, at this crucial moment, the whole importance of the magnificent action of its American friends."

MUSIC HALL OF BARNEY OLDFIELD ALLIES BEHIND FIRING LINE

DIXMUDE, Dec. 28. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The "Allies Music Hall" is half a mile behind the French firing line near Dixmude, in the first barn on the right. It is devoted to variety, exclusively, but the performances are not guaranteed to be continuous. The directors reserve the right to interrupt or to change the program and substitute artists without notice. Reasons for this precaution are obvious to anyone who has heard the German shells go screeching through the air over the barn.

A candle here and there, stuck on a bayonet, does as well as it can in the place of calcium lights, and ammunition boxes, when one knows how to arrange them, make a very good stage.

The performance begins soon after the relief of the guard in the trenches. The troupe, as well as the audience, is composed of "allies" of all colors; British, French, Canadians, Moors, Sikhs, Hindus, Algerians, Senegalese—generally covered with the mud of the trenches of Flanders. The program consists of songs, monologues, recitations and dances.

The performance concludes with the singing of popular choruses in French and English.

The chorus of the last song was interrupted by different regimental bugle calls, and the audience and performers dispersed precipitately to join their detachments for a dash to the trenches.

ADMITTS BUYING ARMS.

CANON CITY, Dec. 28.—David Robb, organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, spent between \$300 and \$400 for arms during the week preceding the attack by the strikers upon the Chandler mine, according to Robb's own testimony today in the trial of seven strikers incident to the death of William King. Robb declared he purchased the arms for defense purposes only.

ESPEE LINE IS AGAIN OPEN TO TRAFFIC

By Associated Press.

PHOENIX, Dec. 28.—For the first time in nearly a week trains passed over the main line of the Southern Pacific. Eight overlands, some stalled since before Christmas, were detoured over the Santa Fe. About 800 passengers were aboard.

BARNEY OLDFIELD DEFEATED BY BURMAN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Bob Burman defeated Barney Oldfield by six and one-fifth seconds here Sunday in a match race of fifty miles under the auspices of the Pacific Racing Association. His time was 45 minutes and 54 seconds. Burman lost seventeen seconds when he stopped to change a tire. Oldfield gaining two-thirds of a lap. Burman caught up in the forty-sixth lap. Two starts were made. Oldfield's steering gear going out of commission after the first start, he had to retire his car and borrow one from Earl Cooper.

MEN IN TRENCHES KEPT WELL NOURISHED

HAVRE, Dec. 28. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—"No matter how fierce the attack, the men in the trenches are kept well nourished," writes a French soldier. "Fresh meat, beans, lentils, dried peas or rice, cheese or sardines, preserves or a cake of chocolate, a half pint of wine for each man, and since the cold weather set in, a nip of brandy in addition to our coffee; that's our fare. Troops entrenched even within a hundred yards of the enemy receive the same, but as the company kitchens are two miles or more in the rear, the food is nearly frozen by the time we get it."

"Taking an empty can of tinned beef, the corporal poured into it some grease and olive oil. He then dug a little hole in an earthen ledge he had excavated in the side of the trench. In this hole he placed the lid of a can. The bullets were then drawn from two cartridges and the powder emptied into the lid. Our cook next put a match to the powder, which flared up, poured in the grease mixture and placed a piece of rag in the middle as a wick. Two bayonet cases were stuck into the earth around and met above to serve as a crane for the tin bucket containing the coffee. It seemed slow work to us but at last we drank our piping hot coffee, which tasted to us like nectar."

"Since then, every man has taken to the fashion of heating his meals. The kitchens furnish us with the grease, and we live quite comfortably though the weather may be below freezing and German shells may be cracking over our heads."

HILL'S MOVEMENT THWARTED BY MAYTORENA

THROWS OUT OUTPOSTS
TO PREVENT TROOPS
FROM LEAVING FOR
AGUA PRIETA

By Associated Press.

NACO, Dec. 28.—Although General Hill began preparations for the evacuation of Naco, Sonora and to take his force of Carranzistas to Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, Arizona, Governor Maytorena threw outposts along the border east of here to prevent Hill's movement until the peace plans are fully accepted. Final word of a border peace pact, as suggested by Brigadier General Scott, now rests with Maytorena.

COPPER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Electrolytic, \$1275 to \$1337.

DISTURBANCE IN ISLANDS CLOSED INCIDENT

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Officials here express the opinion that the recent disturbance in the Philippines is a closed incident and police vigilance is sufficient to prevent a recurrence of such incidents. One official stated Governor General Harrison's report did not disclose anything more serious than might be found in any city in this country the size of Manila.

STORM INTERFERES.

PARIS, Dec. 28. (Night official.)—"During the entire day a violent storm interfered with operations along the greater part of the front. It is reported that notwithstanding this, we made some progress in the Argonne region."

CANADIANS SHOOT TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS

Violating Game Laws, Is Claimed

TOLD TO COME ASHORE
AND UPON REFUSAL
ARE FIRED UPON, ONE
BEING KILLED AND THE
OTHER INJURED

By Associated Press.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Walter Smith and Charles Dorsch, American hunters, were shot and killed by Canadian soldiers on the Niagara river near Fort Erie today. Smith was killed but Dorsch will recover. The shooting was unintentional, according to information gathered by the military authorities and forwarded to Ottawa tonight. The soldiers were aiding a provincial officer in arresting the men for an alleged violation of the game laws. Several volleys were fired over their heads to force them to come ashore with their rowboat. The final shot, which it is said was fired for the same purpose, struck Smith between the eyes and Dorsch in the arm. Fort Erie village officers expressed deep regret over the incident, but at the same time asserted the men were not only technically under arrest by the game officer and were attempting to escape, but had violated a military order which forbade unauthorized persons to approach the international boundary while armed. An inquest will be held Wednesday.

Much Fighting With But Little Progress Made

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Battle lines on the east and west fronts have undergone only infinitesimal changes the last day. French and German reports agree that the Germans captured a section of trenches near Hollebeke, south of Ypres. The French assert that the Germans gave up their trenches on the first line to the extent of about eight or nine hundred yards in the Lense region and farther east. While unsuccessful demonstrations were made by both sides at various points along the extended lines, according to Russian reports, the German attempts on Warsaw failed. A Berlin official statement says there is general confidence that the German-Austrian forces are making progress along the great front.

UNIQUE DEFENSE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Fred Hoyt, choir singer in a Bowery mission, pleaded guilty today to the theft of \$1,400 worth of jewelry from an apartment house. He besought the court's clemency on the plea that he stole only for the benefit of the poor and that the money was given in small sums to homeless men in the Bowery. He will be sentenced later.

ENFORCING PROHIBITION.

DENVER, Dec. 28.—The district attorneys of Colorado met here today to formulate recommendations to submit to the general assembly in January. The principle topic is a discussion of laws for the enforcement of the prohibition amendment adopted by the voters in November.

SHORT BUT DECISIVE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Gunboat Smith so outclassed Chick Carsey of Philadelphia that the referee stopped the contest in the third round.

Italy's Offer Of Cooperation May Not Be Accepted

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Department heads, although without official advice on the subject, are keenly interested tonight in a Rome dispatch, saying the Italian cruiser Calabria, at Beirut, Syria, had been instructed to co-operate with the American cruiser, North Carolina, in protecting refugees on the Syrian coast. Government officers were skeptical about the reports that the North Carolina threatened to fire on Tripoli when a mob threatened French residents endeavoring to find refuge on board the steamer Virginia. They thought tonight the United States as a neutral nation, could best maintain friendly relations with Turkey if it dealt with the situation unassisted. It was suggested that the Italian proffer of co-operation might be rejected, if made officially to the United States.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.—A general staff official statement, which earlier in the day announced that the Russians who were menaced at their rear by two Austrian armies, had raised the siege of Cracow, and retreated eastward fifty miles, then defeated the Austrians at Tuchow, tonight announced further successes. It declared that the Germans everywhere were repulsed with heavy losses and the Austrians had definitely evacuated the left bank of the Nida.

SILVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Silver, 48 3/4c.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR LIFE GIVEN LEO FRANK

ALLEGED SLAYER OF FAC-
TORY GIRL OBTAINS A
HEARING BEFORE THE
SUPREME COURT

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Justice Lamar of the Supreme court granted an appeal from the refusal of the Federal district court of Northern Georgia to release on habeas corpus Leo M. Frank, under death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan, a fifteen-year-old factory girl of Atlanta. Frank was sentenced to die January 22, but Justice Lamar's action effects an indefinite stay of execution. In the regular course of affairs the hearing will not come up for a year and a half. The State of Georgia could ask for it to come sooner.

YA QUI INDIANS PILLAGE TORRES LA COLORADO

By Associated Press.

BOARD U. S. S. SAN DIEGO, GUAYMAS, Dec. 28.—Wild Yaqui Indians from the mountains pillaged Torres La Colorado, 64 miles north of Guaymas. It is understood no lives were lost but the foreign consuls appealed to Governor Maytorena to send troops to take charge of the situation.

FATAL FIRE.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 28.—Four deaths and the probable fatal burning of another inmate is the result of a fire in the city home early today. Many others among the 238 inmates, mostly old men and women, suffered severely from fright or exposure. Police, firemen and nurses helped in the escapes.

SHARP NOTE SENT TO GREAT BRITAIN

United States Demands an Early Im- provement in the Treatment Of American Commerce

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The United States government dispatched a long note to Great Britain insisting on an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet.

It gave warning that much feeling has been aroused in this country and that public criticism is general over unwarranted interference with the legitimate foreign trade of the United States. Since France has adopted practically the same decrees on com-

traband as Great Britain, the note virtually was a statement intended for all members of the triple entente.

Feeling has been aroused on the subject to such an extent, the communication says, that the American government feels compelled to ask definite information as to Britain's attitude in order to take such measures as will protect American citizens in their rights. One of the complaints cited in the note is against the treatment of American cargoes of copper.

OFFENSIVE IS ANOTHER HONOR SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED FOR KING OF BELGIUM

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Among the official items given publication was the following: "Discussion of military happenings around Christmas indicates a feeling of confidence that we have gained support here. General Joffre's energetic offensive, as announced in the army order of December 17th, it is pointed out everywhere has been successfully resisted and we defeated the English at Festubert which leaves the allies in worse shape than when the French offensive started. A dispatch from Warsaw says the Polish revolutionists have blown up their monument erected in 1841 to the memory of Poles loyal to Russia."

SCOUTS ON SKIS EARN SPECIAL MENTION

GENEVA, Dec. 28. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The French Alpine troops on skis have been given special mention for their work as scouts in the deep snow of the Vosges region. Many Chamonix guides in these regiments come from thirty to forty miles a day without fatigue. Some of the men are engaged in actual military operations eight thousand feet above the sea level, in the forests of the Col du Bonhomme.

The ski troops are provided with yellow glasses, as prolonged exposure to the glare of the sun against the snow impairs the vision. At night the troops use their skis as supports for their tiny service tents. Skis have been used for military purposes in northern Europe for centuries, and in 1830 Norway began enforcing a requirement that practically every soldier must be equipped with them and able to use them skillfully. In the Swiss army also most of the men are excellent skiers. In manoeuvres, they have frequently covered 37 miles of rough Alpine territory in a day in full marching order. On one occasion, a division of this army made 15 miles in one and a half hours, including an ascent of nearly 5,000 feet. In Finland some years ago a large body of the Russian ski soldiers, in full marching order, made 516 miles in 29 days. Several similar achievements are recorded to the credit of the Russian force in the Caucasus.

Germany and Austria also have ski troops although nothing has been heard of them thus far in the present war.

PARIS, Dec. 28. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The latest honor proposed for King Albert of Belgium is to rechristen the avenue du Bois de Boulogne, "The Avenue Albert I."

The significance arises from the fact that the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne is the route by which all the sovereigns visiting Paris are conducted from the Bois station to their headquarters in the city.

Another proposition has been discussed for some time, but only in whispers for fear of the censor. It has finally found its way into print, in the Oeuvre. King Albert is a great grand-son of Louis Philippe, and as such, is regarded by many admirers as having certain titles to the throne of France.

The Oeuvre in referring to the question states that a French engraver amused himself by inscribing on a few French coins "Albert King of the French and Belgians." "Already" adds the Oeuvre "there are to be found people to cry 'That's not such a bad idea.'"

SIFTING THEM OUT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The president expects to send to the senate next week nominations for five members of the federal trade commission. It is said at the White House that the president has narrowed the list for commissioners from 300 to a few men. Among those he is said to be considering are Joseph E. Davies, commissioner of corporations; Henry J. Waters, president of the Kansas state agricultural college; George F. Peabody, a New York banker, and Gov. Hodges of Kansas.

BRAVE VETERAN.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—One bandit was seriously wounded and another killed by Leonard Humphrey, a war veteran, whom the pair attacked in his store.

CANOPY FALLS; 2 KILLED AND 7 INJURED

By Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—Two men were killed and seven severely hurt by the collapse of a wooden canopy, built to protect pedestrians passing a million dollar hotel building under construction.